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**PROVISIONAL ELECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.143 WITH TRAVERSE AND  
AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 25, 2003 (Paper No. 3), please consider the following amendments, traversal, provisional election, and remarks. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the following amendments prior to examination of the captioned application. Applicants submit a Fee Transmittal Sheet with appropriate fee (in dupl.) concurrently herewith.